

**ARKANSAS POLLUTION CONTROL
AND ECOLOGY COMMISSION**

**LOCATION - Regulation 27: Licensing of
Operators of Solid Waste Management
Facilities and Illegal Dumps Control Officers**

Docket No. 97-010-R

MINUTE ORDER NO. 97-51

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On October 13, 1997, The Arkansas Department of Pollution Control and Ecology ("Department") filed a Petition to Amend Regulation No. 27 ("Petition"). The Petition has been designated as Docket No. 97-010-R.

The Commission's Regulations Committee met on October 24, 1997, to review the Petition. Having considered the Petition, the Regulations Committee recommends the Commission institute a rulemaking proceeding to consider adopting the proposed revisions to Regulation No. 27.

1. The Arkansas Department of Pollution Control and Ecology ("Department") shall file an original and two (2) copies of all materials required under this Minute Order.

2. Persons submitting written public comments shall submit their written comments to the Department. Within ten (10) business days following the adoption or denial of the proposed rule, the Department shall deliver the originals of all comments to the Commission Secretary.

3. A public hearing shall be conducted during the week of November 24, 1997. The exact date, time and location of the public hearing will be determined by the Department's Public Affairs Office.

4. The period for receiving all written comments shall conclude ten (10) business days after the date of the public hearing pursuant to Regulation No. 8, Part 3, Section 3.2.3, unless an extension of time is granted.

5. The Department shall file, not later than December 24, 1997, a Statement of Basis and Purpose as required by Regulation No. 8, Part 3, Section 3.6.2(1), (2), and (3).

6. The Department shall file, not later than December 24, 1997, a proposed Minute Order deciding this matter.

7. The Department shall seek review of the proposed rule from the Joint Interim Committee on Public Health and Welfare and/or from the Joint Interim Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations.

8. The Regulations Committee will consider this matter at its January or February, 1998, meeting. Members of the Regulations Committee may ask questions of the Department and any person that made oral or written comments. The Regulations Committee will make a recommendation to the Commission.

9. The Commission will consider this matter at its regularly scheduled January or February, 1998, meeting.

- a. The Chair of the Commission will permit members of the public to make a statement to the Commission. No more than three (3) minutes will be allowed for each statement. The public comment period will close at the end of one (1) hour, or sooner if all interested persons have completed their statements. The Chair in his discretion, may extend the one (1) hour public comment period.
- b. At the discretion of the Chair, an attorney representing one or more individuals, a corporation or other legal entity may be permitted five (5) minutes in which to address the Commission.
- c. Department legal counsel or other designated Department employee will be permitted ten (10) minutes in which to address the Commission.
- d. At the conclusion of all comments, the Chairman will call on each Commissioner for the purpose of asking the attorneys or persons sponsoring comments who are present, any questions they may have. Attorneys will not be permitted to respond or ask follow-up questions of any person questioned by a Commissioner.

After each Commissioner has had an opportunity to ask questions, the Chair will entertain a motion on the matter, allow discussion, and call for a vote of the Commission members.

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10. The Commission authorizes the Regulations Committee, in consultation with the Chair of the Commission, to revise the procedures and schedules set out above.

The Commission accepts the recommendation of the Regulations Committee and initiates the rulemaking proceeding in Docket No. 97-010-R effective October 24, 1997. The Commission adopts, without modification, the procedural schedule set forth above.

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